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Application No.: 10/632,819) Examiner: George Y. Wang
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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL SHUTTER FOR)
EXPOSURE DEVICE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in an Office Action mailed February 22, 2005 by the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within thirty days of the mailing date of that communication. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), no negative patent term adjustment consequences will apply to this Information Disclosure Statement.

An Abstract of each of the three listed Japanese patent documents is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Also attached is a copy of the aforementioned JPO Office Action which is being submitted as a courtesy to the Examiner. Although in Japanese, the second page thereof lists an additional Japanese patent document, namely, 2-71222. This document is not being submitted herewith because it was submitted previously in an Information Disclosure Statement filed December 19, 2003.

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